

Amendments to the claims (this listing replaces all prior versions):

1–13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a visualization system comprising the steps of:

generating data representing a trend-following curve ~~line~~ as a function of a provided performance measure at a succession of times prior to a given date,

generating data representing at least one stripe, each stripe indicating ~~odds of a range of~~ potential values of the performance measure, each stripe being within a corresponding to a range of potential values ~~odds of the performance measure having the indicated values~~ at a succession of times ~~in the future~~,

each stripe beginning at the end of the trend-following curve ~~line~~ at a point on the curve corresponding to the performance measure at the given date and becoming broader as it extends to times later than the given date,

a boundary of each stripe varying as a function of time according to variations in the odds of the performance measure being within the range ~~represented~~ of values indicated by the stripe as determined by an algorithm capable of producing predicted probability distributions, and

displaying the trend line and the stripes in the visualization system.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 in which the performance measure comprises a price of ~~[[the]]~~ a financial asset.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 in which the performance measure comprises a return percentage.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14 in which the performance measure comprises a tax-adjusted return percentage.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14 in which
generating data includes generating data representing two or more stripes, each
representing a different range of potential values of the performance measure, and
displaying includes displaying each of the two or more stripes.

19-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 in which each stripe includes two portions,
one of the portions representing the ~~odds~~ potential values prior to a second date based on one
assumption, the other of the portions representing the ~~odds~~ potential values after the second date
based on another assumption.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 in which the second date is a date on
which tax effects change from the one assumption to the other assumption.

24-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a visualization system comprising the steps of:
generating data representing at least one stripe that indicates ~~the odds~~ a range of potential
values of a provided performance measure, ~~each stripe being within a~~ corresponding to a range
of ~~potential values~~ odds of the performance measure having the indicated values at a succession
of times later than a given date,

each stripe beginning at a point which represents the date and becoming broader
as it extends to times later than the given date,

each stripe including two portions, one of the portions representing the ~~odds~~
potential values prior to a second date based on one assumption, the other of the portions
representing the ~~odds~~ potential values after the second date based on another assumption,
a boundary of each stripe varying as a function of time according to variations in
the odds of the performance measure being within the range ~~represented~~ of values
indicated by the stripe as determined by an algorithm capable of producing predicted
probability distributions, and
displaying the stripes in the visualization system.

29. (new) A method for use in a visualization system comprising the steps of:
- generating data representing a trend-following curve as a function of a price of a financial
asset at a succession of historical times prior to a first date,
- generating data representing two or more stripes, each stripe indicating a range of
potential values of the price at a succession of future times after the first date,
- the different stripes corresponding to different ranges of odds that the asset has
the values shown by the stripe at each time of the succession of times,
- each stripe beginning at the end of the trend-following curve at a point on the
curve corresponding to the price at the first date and becoming broader as it extends to
future times after the first date,
- each stripe including two portions, one of the portions representing the potential
values prior to a second date based on one assumption, the other of the portions
representing the potential values after the second date based on another assumption,

a boundary of each stripe varying as a function of time according to variations in the odds of the price having the values indicated by the stripe as determined by an algorithm capable of producing predicted probability distributions, and displaying the trend line and the stripes in the visualization system.